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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair **Appropriations Committee** U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member **Appropriations Committee** U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request \$800,000 in fiscal year 2022 funding for the Prince William Health District Transition Initiative.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prince William County Government, 1 County Complex Ct, Prince William, VA, 22192.

Most health departments throughout Virginia are administered by the state. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the inability of the Prince William local health district to meet the specific needs of this second largest local jurisdiction and largest majority minority community in the state - Prince William County. Administration of the health department by the state has resulted in a lack of local control over resources, duplication of efforts and administrative inefficiencies which have negatively impacted service provision.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has granted the County the authority to operate a local health department. This project would establish a local health department administered by Prince William County to address equity and parity issues of employees, dual system concerns, and autonomy to better align resources with community needs and goals.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly Member of Congress

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